GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES BY NCES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for 90 : 10 (90% Central Fund and 10% State Fun

(d) pattern for funding under village electrification programme for electrification of villages through non-conventional sources of energy, recommended by group of Ministers, has been approved by the Government so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and fund allocated so far / proposed to be allocated for electrification, especially in Sundarban areas of West Bengal ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a) & (b): The pattern of funding for electrification of remote villages through non-conventional energy sources has been modified to provide 90 % central support in all special category states and Islands (other than Union Territories).

The programme for electrification of remote villages through non-conventional energy sources in the Sundarbans in West Bengal is being implemented through the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA), KolkataThe WBREDA has indicated that under the 2003-04 programme, 311 remote villages would be taken up for electrification through solar photovoltaic (SPV) route in the State including the Sundarban areas. The detailed proposals are, however, yet to be submitted by WBREDANo funds have so far been allocated to WBREDA for this purpose during the current year.